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LETTER DATED 16 DECEMBER 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

In my capacity as Chairman of the Group of Arab States for the month of December 1996, I have the honour to refer to the information contained in the letter which the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to you (S/1996/1044) concerning the Israeli plan to build 132 housing units for Jewish settlers in the neighbourhood of Ras al-Amud, within the original municipal borders of occupied East Jerusalem.

The Group of Arab States strongly condemns the expansionist Israeli policy of putting settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories, including Jerusalem, and in the other occupied Arab territories, and considers this policy to be a flagrant violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 and of relevant Security Council resolutions; it also runs counter to the agreements signed between the Palestinian and Israeli parties.

The Israeli Government persists in taking measures and making arrangements aimed at changing the legal status and demographic composition of the city of Jerusalem; in a number of its resolutions the Security Council has declared these measures to be null and void and without legal validity.

The implementation of this plan and the continuation by the Israeli Government of its settlement policy threaten to have serious consequences for peace and security in the region.

On behalf of the Group of Arab States, I am formally requesting that the Security Council assume its responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, and that it convene an urgent meeting in order to take the measures that are needed in order to put an end to the Israeli Government's plan with respect to building settlements.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
Chairman of the Group of Arab States





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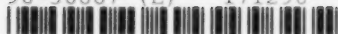
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NOTE VERBALE DATED 12 DECEMBER 1996 FROM THE UNITED STATES MISSION
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour, in conformity with paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1054 (1996) of 26 April 1996, to inform him of additional measures taken by the United States to implement the provisions of paragraph 3 of the resolution.

On 2 July, the United States Mission to the United Nations had the honour to inform you of measures taken pursuant to resolution 1054 (1996) (S/1996/530) and noted that the Government of the United States was preparing to change its regulation concerning entry visas for officials of the Sudanese Government or armed forces. On 22 November 1996, in the light of the refusal of the Government of the Sudan to comply with Security Council resolution 1044 (1996) of 31 January 1996, and in furtherance of Security Council resolution 1054 (1996), President Clinton signed a proclamation suspending the entry as immigrants and non-immigrants of persons who are members or officials of the Sudanese Government or armed forces. The proclamation does not restrict the entry of Sudanese officials coming to the United States on official business of the United Nations other than in a manner consistent with the obligations of the United States to the United Nations.





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LETTER DATED 13 DECEMBER 1996 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the statement by the President of the Security Council dated 4 December 1996 (S/PRST/1996/46), welcoming the Peace Agreement signed by the Government of Sierra Leone and the Revolutionary United Front of Sierra Leone in Abidjan on 30 November 1996. In that statement, the Security Council expressed, *inter alia*, its intention to continue to support the development of peace and democracy in Sierra Leone, in particular the need for a successful process of demobilization and reintegration of former combatants. It also expressed its readiness to assist in this process.

In this connection, I am forwarding herewith to the Security Council two letters addressed to me by the President of Sierra Leone, H.E. Alhaji Dr. Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, and by the leader of the Revolutionary United Front, Mr. Foday Saybana Sankoh, which I received on 11 and 13 December 1996 respectively. In these letters, President Kabbah and Mr. Sankoh request the United Nations to provide, in accordance with the terms of the Peace Agreement, neutral international observers to monitor the peace in Sierra Leone.

It would be my intention, subject to the concurrence of the Security Council, to send an assessment mission to Sierra Leone to develop recommendations on ways in which the United Nations could assist in this regard.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI



Annex I

Letter dated 9 December 1996 from the President of
Sierra Leone addressed to the Secretary-General

RE: Provision of neutral peace observers

In accordance with the terms of the Peace Agreement signed by the Government of Sierra Leone and the Revolutionary United Front on Saturday, 30 November 1996, I have great pleasure in requesting you to assist in providing neutral international observers to monitor the peace in Sierra Leone. It is my hope that these observers will be provided within the shortest possible time to assure that the implementation of the Peace Agreement is not impeded.

While thanking you and the United Nations for the valuable contribution made to the entire peace process in Sierra Leone, I trust that this matter will receive your most urgent attention and cooperation.

(Signed) Alhaji Dr. Ahmad Tejan KABBAH
President of the
Republic of Sierra Leone

Annex II

Letter dated 30 November 1996 from the leader of the Revolutionary
United Front of Sierra Leone addressed to the Secretary-General

RE: Provision of neutral peace observers

In accordance with the terms of the Peace Agreement signed by our two parties in Abidjan today, Saturday, 30 November 1996, we have great pleasure in requesting you to assist in providing neutral international observers to monitor the peace in Sierra Leone. It is our expectation that these observers will be provided within the shortest possible time to assure that the implementation of the Peace Agreement is not impeded.

While thanking you and your Organization for the valuable contribution made to the entire peace process in Sierra Leone, it is our fervent hope that this matter will receive your most urgent attention and cooperation.

(Signed) Foday Saybana SANKOH
Leader, Revolutionary United
Front of Sierra Leone



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LETTER DATED 17 DECEMBER 1996 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to inform you that your letter of 13 December 1996 (S/1996/1049), concerning the Peace Agreement signed by the Government of Sierra Leone and the Revolutionary United Front of Sierra Leone in Abidjan on 30 November 1996, has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

The members of the Security Council concur with your proposal to send an assessment mission to Sierra Leone to develop recommendations on ways in which the United Nations could assist in the development of peace and democracy in Sierra Leone, in particular the need for a successful process of demobilization and reintegration of former combatants.

(Signed) Francesco Paolo FULCI
President of the Security Council

